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January 18, 2013

### **MEMORANDUM**

SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

**Staff Director** 

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Jodi Winship/Sari Pickeral

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2012 12 Day Pre-General Report

(Authorized Committees) For The Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file or timely file the 2012 12 Day Pre-General Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 434(a). The 12 Day Pre-General Report was due on October 25, 2012. The list is comprised of authorized committees whose candidates sought election in the General Election held on November 6, 2012.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report either filed the election sensitive report more than five (5) days after the due date, failed to file the report or failed to file the report prior to four (4) days before the General Election (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties at 11 CFR 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

### Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political nommittees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2012 PRE-GENERAL Election Sensitive 10/25/2012 AUTHORIZED

| RTB Penalty    |   |
|----------------|---|
| POP            |   |
| Days Late      |   |
| Receipt Date   |   |
| ≥              |   |
| Threshold      |   |
| Treasurer      |   |
| Name           |   |
| Candidate      |   |
| -              |   |
| Committee Name | : |
| Committee      | ₽ |
| AF#            |   |
|                |   |

| \$225                 | \$480            | \$5,500  |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| \$9,515               | \$31,467         | \$115,148                                      |
| 7                     | . 9              | Not Filed                                      |
| 11/1/2012             | 10/31/2012       | 11/18/2012 Not Filed                           |
| 1                     | 0                | 0  |
| \$248,893             | \$182,593        | \$797,114                                      |
| ESQUE<br>SANDERS, JR. | JOHN             | MARIO G.<br>PAVEGLIO                           |
| SANDERS, KENNETH      | MACGOVERN, JOHN  | TERRY, RANDALL A                               |
| KENNETH SANDERS FOR   | MACGOVERN FOR US | RANDALL TERRY FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE |
| 2622 C00514489        | 2623 C00515866   | 2624 C00492371                                 |
| 2622                  | 2623             | 2624   |
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# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2012 12 Day Pre-General Report (Authorized Committees) For The Administrative Fine Program: | ))))) |          |
|--|-------|----------|
| KENNETH SANDERS FOR CONGRESS   | )     | AF# 2622 |
| CAMPAIGN, and ESQUE SANDERS JR   | )     |          |
| as treasurer;  | )     |          |
| MACGOVERN FOR US SENATE, and   | )     | AF# 2623 |
| JOHN REZZONICO as treasurer;   | )     |          |
| RANDALL TERRY FOR PRESIDENT  | )     | AF# 2624 |
| CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, and  | )     |          |
| PAVEGLIO, MARIO G. as treasurer;   | )     |          |

Federal Election Commission Certification for Administrative Fines January 23, 2013

### CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on January 23, 2013 the Commission took the following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2012 12 Day Pre-General Report (Authorized Committees) For The Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated January 18, 2013, on the following committees:

AF#2622 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that KENNETH SANDERS FOR CONGRESS CAMPAIGN, and ESQUE SANDERS JR as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2623 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MACGOVERN FOR US SENATE, and JOHN REZZONICO as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and

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make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2624 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that RANDALL TERRY FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, and PAVEGLIO, MARIO G. as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

January 23, 2013

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



January 24, 2013

John Rezzonico, in official capacity as Treasurer MacGovern for US Senate 1653 Marton Road Windsor, VT 05089

C00515866 AF#: 2623

Dear Mr. Rezzonico:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election for which the candidate is seeking election, or nomination for election. This report, covering the period through October 17, 2012, shall be filed no later than October 25, 2012. 2 U.S.C. 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was filed on October 31, 2012, six (6) days late.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. 434(a). 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4). On January 23, 2013, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that MacGovern for US Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before October 25, 2012. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$480. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$480 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by March 4, 2013, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$31,467 Number of Days Late: 6

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

# 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or March 4, 2013. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encounties that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforescencircumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your central include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission commuters or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise on argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

### 2. If You Chopse Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil maney penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that MacGovern for US Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

## 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <a href="http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml">http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml</a>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Ellen L. Weintrank

Ellen L. Weintraub

Chair

### ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$480 for the 2012 Pre-General Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by March 4, 2013. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: MacGovern for US Senate

FEC ID#: C00515866

AF#: 2623

PAYMENT DUE DATE: March 4, 2013

**PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$480** 





# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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April 11, 2013

### **MEMORANDUM**

SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock AC/PCO

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona LLC Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Jodi Winship/Sari Pickerall

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination Recommendation for the

2012 12 Day Pre-General Report (Authorized Committees)

Attached are two lists of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2012 12 Day Pre-General Report. The first list represents the committees that have paid the civil money penalty and the second list represents the committees that have not paid the civil money penalty. The committees that have not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have either paid or not paid the civil money penalty.

# **RAD Recommendation**

- (1) Make final determination that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the attached reports violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letters.

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| AF#  | AF# Committee Name   | Candidate Name Committee  | Committee<br>ID | Treasurer                      | Receipt Date                   | Days Late | TOA       | §. | RTB Date     | Receipt Date Days Late LOA PV RTB Date RTB Penalty Final Money Date Paid Amount Penalty | Final Money<br>Penalty | Date Paid        | Amount<br>Paid |
|------|--|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----|--------------|---|------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2822 | 2822 KENNETH SANDERS FOR SANDERS, KENNETH C00514489 OFF                        | SANDERS, KENNETH          | C00514489       | OFFICE OF TREASURER 11/01/2012 | 11/01/2012                     | 7         | \$9.515   | -  | 01/23/2013   | \$22\$  | \$225                  | 03/01/2013       | \$225          |
| 2823 | MACGOVERN FOR US<br>SENATE   | MACGOVERN, JOHN C00515868 | C00515866       | JOHN REZZONICO                 | 10/31/2012                     | 9         | \$31,467  | 0  | 0 01/23/2013 | \$480   | \$480                  | \$480 03/04/2013 | \$480          |
| 2624 | 2624 PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN TERRY, RANDALL A C00492371 MARIO G. PAVEGLIO COMMITTEE | TERRY, RANDALL A          | C00492371       | MARIO G. PAVEGLIO              | 11/18/2012 Not Filed \$115,148 | Not Filed | \$115,148 |    | 01/23/2013   | \$5,500   | \$5,500                | 02/15/2013       | \$5,500        |

### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| in the Matter of  | )   |          |
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| Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination Recommendation for the 12 Day Pre-General Report (Authorized Committees): | ))) |          |
| MACGOVERN FOR US SENATE, and  | j   | AF# 2623 |
| JOHN REZZONICO as treasurer;  | )   |          |
| RANDALL TERRY FOR PRESIDENT   | )   | AF# 2624 |
| CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, and   | )   |          |
| PAVEGLIO, MARIO G. as treasurer;  | )   |          |

### CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on April 15, 2013 the Commission took the

following actions on the Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination

Recommendation for the 12 Day Pre-General Report (Authorized Committees) as

recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated April 11, 2013,
on the following committees:

Federal Election Commission Certification for Administrative Fines April 15, 2013

AF#2623 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that MACGOVERN FOR US SENATE, and JOHN REZZONICO as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2624 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) make a final determination that RANDALL TERRY FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, and PAVEGLIO, MARIO G. as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

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Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



April 16, 2013

John Rezzonico, in official capacity as Treasurer MacGovern for U.S. Senate 1653 Marton Road Windsor, VT 05089

C00515866 AF#: 2623

Dear Mr. Rezzonico:

On January 23, 2013, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that MacGovern for U.S. Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2012 Pre-General Report. By letter dated January 24, 2013, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$480 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43.

On March 4, 2013, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on April 15, 2013 that MacGovern for U.S. Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$480 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 CFR § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at anytime following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sari Pickerall on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Ellen L. Weintraul

Ellen L. Weintraub

Chair

FEC ID#: C00515866

AF#: 2623

PAYMENT DUE DATE: March 4, 2013

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$480

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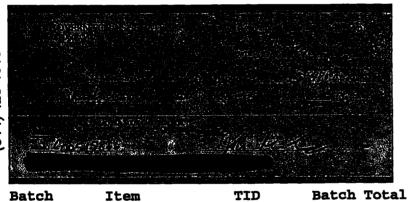
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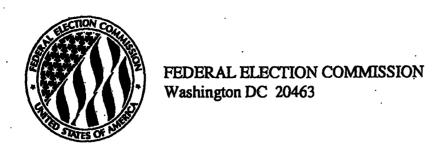
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